HE-MAN: "THE SIREN'S SONG" Written by William Forrest Cluverius BROADCAST SCRIPT 10/01/02

FADE IN:

EXT. ETERNIA PEAK - DAY

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE ON MAN-AT-ARMS - as he stands on top of a rocky peak. He CALLS DOWN:

MAN-AT-ARMS

Put some muscle into it!

REVEAL: ADAM & TEELA several yards below, both suspended high above the ground, each pulling themselves up by ropes. CRINGER passes the two in a rush, hopping from mini-ledge to mini-ledge, until he hauls himself over the "summit" by his paws.

MAN-AT-ARMS (CONT'D)

Cringer's got the right idea. Focus on your climbing, not the altitude..(wry)---or how far a drop it is.

CRINGER glances down the mountain and FREAKS, coiling in fear.

LONG SHOT - We see the dimensions of the climb. A very tall craggy mountain -- ADAM and TEELA mere specks -- 98% to the top.

TOP OF PEAK - CLOSE - ADAM pulls past TEELA & just beats her to the summit, gloating, as, a second later Teela, "summits":

ADAM

I win!

TEELA

It's a training exercise, not a race. If it was, I'd have--

MAN-AT-ARMS

(interrupts, hears something) Hold it-

As MAA listens to a distant, GROWING RUMBLE, they go quiet. MAA engages his MACE, it pops out a telescope gizmo. OTS MAA - peers at a DARK FOREBODING, SINGLE CLOUD in the distance.

'SCOPE POV - TRIKLOPS, BM, EVIL-LYN, WHIPLASH & CF - ride atop GRIFFINS amidst the dark cloud. PAN to reveal GRAYSKULL in the distance beyond them, the Warriors flying towards it.

MAN-AT-ARMS (CONT'D)

(urgent) Skeletor's forces are on the move. I suggest we do the same!

WIDER - TEELA nods and leads the charge as the group heads down a steep & woodsy trail down the back of the mountain.

TEELA

(urgent) Right!

ADAM & CRINGER race past her & veer down a path on the left and OS. <Adam's being sly here, needs to sneak off to transform.>

ADAM

No, left! It's quicker.

TEELA shakes her head, exasperated, even as she hurriedly heads down the cliff. MAA trails right behind, noting Adam's sly maneuver, even as he barks into his WRIST COMM UNIT.

MAN-AT-ARMS

(urgent, into comm unit)
All Masters to Castle Grayskull. Battle positions!

TEELA & MAA reach the foot of the mountain & hop in individual BATTLEHAWKS. TEELA looks back -- no sign of Adam. MAA notes this as he guns his BATTLEHAWK.

MAN AT ARMS

Don't worry about Adam. He'll catch up.

The two ZOOM OFF. HOLD ON SHOT - ADAM peeks out from behind some brush. He raises his power sword and intones:

ADAM/HE-MAN

By the Power of Grayskull...I have the power!

INT. CASTLE GRAYSKULL - SAME TIME

SORCERESS - gazing concernedly out the window of Grayskull.

OTS SORCERESS - the Griffin-riding Warriors (5 total) dramatically burst from their cloud, rapidly approaching.

SORCERESS'S eyes glow intensely, she juts out her hands, causing:

EXT. GRAYSKULL - CONT.

...a WAVE-LIKE, RIPPLING EFFECT to course thru the sky, which spooks the Griffins, causes them to rear up like frightened horses. EVIL-LYN and BM struggle to contain their bucking birds.

TRIKLOPS steers his Griffin down to LARGE SHELF (that outcrops about 100 yds. below the cliff across from where GRAYSKULL sits. Below the shelf: the vast abyss.) OTHER BAD GUYS follow suit.

EXT. EVERGREEN FOREST - SAME TIME

TRACK MASTERS - as they speed over the forest ala a scene out of Road Warrior. MEKANEK in a BATTLEHAWK, MAN-E-FACES on a SKY SLED, STRATOS & BUZZ OFF soar alongside. RAM MAN rides on TWO SKY SLEDS (if do-able design wise, the idea being to accommodate his large size.) BUZZ OFF swoops down to fly alongside RAM MAN.

BUZZ OFF

Grayskull's just a pile of stones. What's to defend?

RAM MAN

(shrugs) Dunno. But if Man-At-Arms needs us, s'good enough for me.

EXT. CASTLE GRAYSKULL - ROCKY PLATEAU - CONT.

LOW GROUND ANGLE - BEASTMAN'S head rises INTO FRAME as he arrives at the plateau. But as he climbs over the crest & stands...2 SHADOWS fall on him.

REVEAL TEELA and MAA, standing there, ATOP the crag. CASTLE GRAYSKULL towers behind them.

TEELA

Dropping in uninvited. How rude.

BEASTMAN

(smirk) Got my invitation right here.

BM fancifully spins his STUN WHIP then SNAPS it at TEELA. She leaps acrobatically out of the way as the lash is intercepted by MAA'S MACE, which gets entangled by the whip as it spins around it-- SWOOSH. BM YANKS BACK the whip...bringing MAA & BM together in a fierce clinch, face to grimacing face. MAA suddenly calls out:

MAN-AT-ARMS

Now!

TEELA Ahh..

As MAA suddenly ducks, BM looks puzzled, but then hears and sees TEELA COME FLYING AT HIM, Matrix-style, boot first. As BM gets WHOMPED... MAA lets the whip unspool from his mace, so BM falls back landing with a thud at the edge of the cliff, and at the feet of the other 4 Warriors who have just "summitted."

BEASTMAN

Wahh...

TRIKLOPS starts rotating to a gamma ray & Evil-Lyn lifts her staff, as MAA and TEELA take cautious steps back.

WHIPLASH suddenly leaps - Crouching Tiger style and swipes the air with his huge tail.

Teela somersaults out of the way just as his tail SLAMS the ground where she stood. Suddenly a FIGURE BLURS INTO FRAME and WHOMPS into WHIPLASH, who's knocked backwards.

REVEAL - it's He-MAN atop BATTLE CAT. TEELA smiles at his arrival, then smirks at the fallen Whiplash.

TEELA

HE-MAN!

ALL 5 WARRIORS leap up & come at the 3 good guys -- blasting away (gamma vision, Evillyn's staff, Whiplash's tail)

EVIL-LYN

He-Man...

He-MAN bats away blasts with his shield and sword...MAA uses his mace to deflect a few...TEELA spins her cobra staff deftly to bat away another. But the barrage is huge and our heros get driven back towards the cliff's edge.

OTS HE-MAN, TEELA & MAA - As Warriors close in, BLASTING AWAY, suddenly TRAPJAW'S EYES GO WIDE...

REVERSE - revealing all the MASTERS as they HOVER UP INTO FRAME (like a copter rising from the Grand Canyon) and then let loose a BARRAGE OF LASER BLASTS, scattering the Evil Warriors.

WIDE - The Masters land their aircrafts and hop out, joining Teela & MAA. RAM MAN leaps from his two SKY SLEDS, adjusts his helmet, gets his game face on.

THE MASTERS take up the charge engaging the Warriors: TEELA deftly spins at BEASTMAN - knocking him back with a chest high kick...until TRIKLOPS somersaults into f.g. ready to blast her with an optic beam. Suddenly, RAM MAN comes flying in and HEAD-BUTTS TRIKLOPS O.S.

RAM MAN

(racing in) Keep yer peepers offa my friends!

TRIKLOPS (PARTIAL OS)

<impact GRUNT>

As MAA battles WHIPLASH, MEKANEK sees CLAWFUL run over to a nearby CLUSTER OF ROCKS. MEKANEK follows but when he arrives at the rocks, then RAISES HIS NECK TO LOOK, CLAWFUL is gone. Puzzled, MEK turns to rejoin the battle...when CLAWFUL lurches out of a dark rock crevice (he's part crab doncha know!) & lands in front of MEKANEK. A grinning CLAWFUL clacks his claw ominously as he tries to grab Mekanek's neck, Mekanek barely evading as he moves his neck like a darting cobra.

WHIP PAN TO MAA - who sees & shouts to BUZZ OFF, who's crouching behind a nearby rock exchanging BLASTS with TRIKLOPS << BUZZ OFF is using his stinger spear>>.

MAN-AT-ARMS (calls to Buzz Off) Mekanek's in trouble! Go!

BUZZ OFF ducks as a TRI KLOPS LASER BLAST shoots over his head.

BUZZ OFF

(shouts) Can't! Got my own hands full.

EVIL-LYN stands on a boulder FIRING LIGHTNING at RAM MAN -- who bats a blast with his hatchet, so it shoots back at E-L (who ducks) even as he overhears, looks over to Buzz & hollers:

RAM MAN charges over to assist MEKANEK, leaving Evil-Lyn behind. PUSH IN, as she derisively notes his actions.

CLAWFUL's claw finally grabs the base of MEKANEK's mecho-neck, grins menacingly, when RAM MAN BURSTS INTO FRAME & HEAD RAMS Clawful OS. MEKANEK nods gratefully, even as he retracts his neck and checks it.

MEKANEK

Definitely going to need an adjustment after this.

Just then a THUNDEROUS BLAST shakes the earth. SWISH PAN to a NEARBY CRAG <<one of the peaks adjacent to Grayskull>> to reveal SKELETOR & TRAPJAW as they arrive on the BATTLE RAM CHARIOT. PANTHOR sits beside Skeletor, mouth watering.

SKELETOR

(calls) Too late to join the party? No? Oh good.

Skeletor nods to Trapjaw, who lowers his arm cannon...then FIRES A CONCUSSIVE BLAST aimed right at the Masters...

"OTS" BLAST - ZOOMING TOWARD THE MASTERS, until-- a BOULDER drops in front of them and EXPLODES INTO ROCKY DUSTY DEBRIS as the BLAST hits it. PAN OVER to reveal HE-MAN & BATTLECAT, as dust kicks up all around from the explosion.

ON MASTERS - hold on the DUSTY SMOKE a beat...and then we HEAR:

MAN AT ARMS (OS)

(shouts) Triad formation!

REVEAL the MASTERS charging out, quickly assembling into a 3 point wedge position, MAA, HE-MAN & TEELA in the lead!

TRAPJAW starts FIRING, joined by TRIKLOPS' GAMMA BLASTS, but with HE-MAN'S lightning-quick sword and the others' shields, our heros bat away each shot, until suddenly...

WIDE - A TRIKLOPS' BLAST RICOCHETS BACK & strikes the ground at the Warriors' feet. The Warriors stagger as the ledge crumbles. PAN AND WIDEN - SKELETOR scowls & backs away his CHARIOT, as... the LEDGE GIVES WAY, sending the EVIL WARRIORS FALLING DOWNWARD.

UP ANGLE ON WARRIORS - as they FALL TOWARD CAMERA, until... ADJUST ANGLE - suddenly their FLYING GRIFFINS swoop in & catch each of the Warriors on their backs. BM hollers with glee:

UP ON NEARBY CRAG - SKELETOR & PANTHOR stand on their chariot, glaring the MASTERS, and CASTLE GRAYSKULL looming behind them.

SKELETOR

Make no mistake, Masters. Grayskull will be mine.

SKELETOR pivots his CHARIOT and tears off, into the horizon.

MASTERS - with relief, all looking a bit battered & bruised from battle. BUZZ OFF straightens a bent wing, near him are MAA & RM.

BUZZ OFF

(puzzled) So what is it about Grayskull, Man At Arms? Why does Skeletor want it so bad?

RAM MAN looks at him grumpily.

RAM MAN

I toldja before, it doesn't matter. Man-At Arms wants to tell us, he will.

MAN-AT-ARMS exchanges a knowing glance with HE-MAN.

MAN-AT-ARMS

I suppose it's time you all knew the truth.

SPINNING SWORD TRANSITION TO:

EXT. FRONT OF GRAYSKULL - CONT.

MAA leans against a boulder, facing the MASTERS as they assemble in front of him. <NOTE: STAGE so that Grayskull looms dramatically behind MAA and HE-MAN, who takes his place beside MAA.> SLOWLY PUSH IN ON MAA:

MAN-AT-ARMS

As you all know, years ago, Skeletor and his Evil Warriors were driven to the Dark Hemisphere...

>>FLASHBACK MONTAGE (USING FOOTAGE FROM PILOT) See MAA and SORCERESS erecting the MYSTIC WALL.

> SMASH CUT TO: FLASHBACK: SKELETOR, as he FIRES his HAVOC STAFF and BLASTS APART the MYSTIC WALL, CACKLING as DEBRIS rains down, as we DISSOLVE BACK TO:

MAA - addressing the rapt Masters.

MAN-AT-ARMS

(grim) And now for the part you don't know...

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MAN-AT-ARMS (V.O./CONT'D)

The great and wise Council of Elders knew that Skeletor's evil forces would one day return, so they transformed themselves...

> FLASHBACK: Suddenly there's a blast of WHITE LIGHT as we SEE: CASTLE GRAYSKULL, now GLOWING, LIGHTNING STRIKES around it... THEN, CUT TO: The light inside the castle burns WHITE HOT, like a Jack-o'-lantern, and then GRADUALLY FADES.

MAN-AT-ARMS (V.O./CONT'D)

...into *one*. *P*ure goodness, pure power. A power that has remained hidden inside Grayskull ever since.

END FLASHBACK: BACK ON MAA - addressing the Masters.

THE MASTERS all nod in agreement. Except for Buzz-Off who shrugs.

BUZZ OFF

Still looks like a pile of bricks to me.

RAM MAN steps forward, irked.

RAM MAN

Yeah well, it's a whole lot more. Doncha even listen?

BUZZ OFf shrugs. RAM MAN scowls, getting irked at the guy.

RAM MAN

I say we all take an oath of loyalty right now to protect the secret of Castle Grayskull...<gestures to Buzz Off>'specially the 'new guy'.

BUZZ OFF

(defensive)

I've already proven my loyalty. I don't have to recite some dumb--

Ram Man glowers at Buzz Off hard, as HE MAN cuts in, trying to diffuse the situation:.

HE MAN

An oath isn't necessary, everyone here is loyal.

MAA addresses the Masters.

MAN-AT-ARMS

It won't be long before Skeletor attempts another attack. I suggest we return to the kingdom and you all grab some well deserved rest while you can.

The MASTERS nod appreciatively. RAM MAN eyes BUZZ OFF disapprovingly, then shrugs it off.

EXT. SNAKE MOUNTAIN - SAME TIME

We PUSH IN on the dark, ominous mountain, hearing:

SKELETOR (O.S.)

Useless, pathetic fools...!

INT. SKELETOR'S LAIR, THRONE ROOM - CONT.

Skeletor is in a surly mood, lambasting his EVIL MINIONS:

SKELETOR (CONT'D)

How could you let those...oafs defeat you?!

CLAWFUL

Uh, <u>you</u> were there too, Skelet--Eyyaaagghhhhh!

Skeletor cuts him off with a <ZAP>, SINGE-ING CLAWFUL. Skeletor paces the room as the Warriors cower & step back.

SKELETOR

(pacing, seething) It's bad enough having to deal with that "wretch" He-Man. Yet, when all is said and done, he is just one. But those cursed Masters (with a sneer) they're like burrow-rats, always...popping up.

EVIL-LYN sits by a REFLECTING POND, admiring her fingernails.

EVIL-LYN

(sly) Then why not find a way to "exterminate" them?

TRAPJAW

(enthusiastic) Yeah! (then) Uh, how?



EVIL-LYN

(sly) By turning them against each other when they discover a traitor in the ranks.

EVIL-LYN

Someone whom they'd never suspect, someone unquestionably loyal, someone like... <she smiles> Ram Man!

SKELETOR'S eyes light up, seizing upon the idea as it was his own.

SKELETOR

(sly) Ahhh. I know. By convincing them there is a traitor in the ranks, the Masters' defenses will be weakened and Castle Grayskull will be mine!

WIDER - revealing EVIL-LYN standing behind him, her arms folded.

EVIL-LYN

(sarcastic fawning) Oh, Skeletor. How *ever* do you come up with your ideas?

SKELETOR

(cocky) It's a gift, dear Evil-Lyn. <turns to her> Now enact my plan!

EXT. ETERNIA LAGOON - SOON AFTER

TIGHT ON WATER - A PLUNK disrupts the placid surface...as a fishing line drops in. WIDEN TO RAM MAN - cramped inside a tiny Eternian-design rowboat, enjoying himself immensely as he drifts out into the PLACID LAGOON & fishes.

ADJUST ANGLE - ON RAM MAN - peacefully fishing, as a MISTY FOG CREEPS in, till visibility is nearly nil. A HYPNOTIC, ENCHANTING SONG suddenly calls out from the mist. RM, instantly mesmerized, starts to row towards the sound.

OTS RM - As he rows closer, he sees: A BEAUTIFUL SIREN standing above the mist -- angelic, hair flowing. The fog around her forms into a pair of wispy hands that beckon RM (eerie like). Mesmerized, RM rows closer...The mist clears, & we see the Siren standing on a ROCKY REEF, WAVES CRASHING all around her.

ON RAM MAN - The lagoon bubbles and churns, rising & falling. RM hears, then glances back to SEE a HUGE WAVE rising towards him. RM hurriedly rows, but the WAVE

CRASHES DOWN and HURLS Ram Man's tiny boat forward...until it SLAMS into the ROCKY REEF!

The WATER RECEDES to reveal RAM MAN lying in his splintered boat, his helmet ajar, OUT COLD. Suddenly the boat's ANCHOR tips and falls into the water, snaring Ram Man's leg in the UNCOILING CHAIN, until...Ram Man gets PULLED INTO THE LAGOON!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. UNDERWATER, ETERNIA LAGOON - - RE-ESTABLISH

UP ANGLE ON RM - as his unconscious body, pulled by the anchor, sinks TOWARD CAMERA. Thru the clear waters above him we see the looming SIREN, her HYPNOTIC SONG still ECHOING OVER THE SCENE. But then she waves her wispy hands - and suddenly begins to draw RAM MAN back toward the surface...

EXT. ETERNIA LAGOON - ABOVE WATER - CONT.

WIDE - as the SIREN pulls RAM MAN'S BODY out of the water, LEVITATING HIM. She gently lays him on the rocks...and then:

SIREN (O.S.)

(angelic voice) Awake.

RAM MAN abruptly "comes to." He looks up at the SIREN, mesmerized, as her SONG continues to ring through the air (NOTE: she's able to talk while the song/tune continues on a "loop").

RAM MAN

(spellbound) Who're...you?

The SIREN looms over RAM MAN, her lower body enshrouded in fog.

SIREN

(sweet) I am the Siren Circe, the lady of the lagoon. And your new master. When you hear my song you shall do as I say, and afterwards, shall remember nothing.



The Siren TITTERS, but her laugh soon rises into a WICKED CHUCKLE, and then she suddenly transforms into EVIL-LYN! ...But RAM MAN hardly reacts, eyes frozen in a blank stare as we:

EXT. PALACE COURTYARD - LATER

TEELA, ADAM, & the MASTERS (sans Ram Man) are all gathered around as MAA strides over from his Workshop carrying a hi-tech, CIRCUITRY RIDDLED CUBE. He lays it on a table & turns to all:

MAN-AT-ARMS

Everyone here?

Just then, RAM MAN comes WHISTLING into the courtyard, showing no ill effects (or memory of) the previous scene. BUZZ OFF steps in front of him, looks Ram Man over suspiciously.

BUZZ OFF

Where've you been? We were looking all over.

RAM MAN

What's all this about?

MAN E FACES (ROBOT FACE)

(clipped robotic) Man-At-Arms-has-devised-a-new weapon-system.

BUZZ OFF

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WE WERE LOOKING ALL OVER.

RAM MAN

Fishin

MAA addresses the group, then PRESSES a button on the CUBE & a BAZOOKA - STYLE BARREL juts out.

MAN-AT-ARMS (CONT'D)

With Skeletor's sights firmly set on Grayskull, we need to be prepared for anything he might throw at us. (pushes the button)...The Kinetic Immobilizer - designed to halt anything that moves -- machines, weapons, even living beings.



MAA nods at TEELA who pushes a button on a remote device..and the BASHIN' BEETLE comes rumbling out, towards our group.

MAA aims the Immobilizer at the Bashin' Beetle. Just then, an oblivious ORKO zips in and sees the Beetle rolling.

ORKO

Hey! What's goin'--

ORKO gets caught in mid-air by the Immobilizer Beam (along with the Beetle) and freezes (unable to speak) as does the Beetle.

MAA sighs. OTHERS are amused. ADAM shrugs, amused.

ADAM

Well, if nothing else, you invented a surefire way *to get Orko to clam up.

ALL

<Laughing>

ORKO - immobilized & silenced makes a frustrated, mad face. OUR HEROS laugh, as we...TILT UP: A DOOMSEEKER hovers into shot, unseen by our heros.

INT. SKELETOR'S LAIR, THRONE ROOM - SAME TIME

SKEL sits in his bony throne, watching the DOOMSEEKER POV of this same scene, on the DOOMSEEKER SCREEN. He cocks an eyebrow and leans in, eyeballing the weapon.

SKELETOR

How very interesting.

TRIKLOPS steps in front of the screen, defensively.

TRIKLOPS

(defensive, envious) That weapon's no big deal. I could build one, easy.

SKELETOR nudges TriKlops away from the screen with this Havoc Staff, looks at the Doomseeker POV as it gets Ram Man and the Immobilizer in its sights.

SKELETOR

Perhaps...but why build one when we can have that "traitor" Ram Man steal theirs?



<u> EXT. ETERNIA PALACE - WIDE SHOT - LATE THAT NIGHT</u>

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All is quiet in & outside the palace. LIGHTNING FLASHES, THUNDER BOOMS. RAIN begins to fall. PAN OVER to a NEARBY BUSH - as RAM MAN steps out of the shadows, <<th>SIREN SONG playing over>>

EVIL-LYN (FILTERED SIREN V.O.)

Retrieve the weapon...the weapon...the weapon...the weapon...

OTS RAM MAN - LONG SHOT ON MAA'S WORKSHOP. RM swiftly moves across the muddy grass. He reaches the door of the shop, HEARS FOOTSTEPS, steps back into the shadows just as...

BUZZ OFF, acting as night Sentry, is on patrol. Stops, glances around, unaware that RM is hiding in shadows behind him. Buzz Off pulls up his "collar" and resumes his patrol, walking O.S.

RM re-emerges and crosses to MAA'S WORKSHOP DOOR -- and very efficiently (think *Terminator*) punches a code into the ETERNIAN STYLE SECURITY PANEL, disengaging the alarm...

INT. MAN-AT-ARMS' WORKSHOP - SAME

RM reaches for the IMMOBILIZER <SIREN SONG PLAYS UNDER, THRUOUT>, then stops when he hears FOOTSTEPS. He ducks behind the door just as BUZZ OFF enters in. Buzz Off shines his FLASHLIGHT on the IMMOBILIZER, which sits on the workbench, unmoved. Buzz Off slowly moves toward it, when...RM leaps out from behind and grabs BUZZ OFF in a CRUSHING BEAR HUG. Buzz Off struggles, trying to get a look at his attacker, until RM lifts him up & suddenly FLINGS BUZZ ACROSS THE ROOM! Buzz Off CRASHES hard into the workbench. He slumps to the ground, OUT COLD.

BUZZ OFF <struggle GRUNTS, then IMPACT GRUNT>

RAM MAN gazes at Buzz Off, showing no remorse....snatches the IMMOBILIZER...and hurries out the door.

INT. RAM MAN'S QUARTERS - SUNRISE

the door

PAN - HATCHETS of all sizes are hung along the walls. A "hat rack" stands next to the door with a DOZEN IDENTICAL STEEL HELMETS -- some DENTED. RAM MAN sleeps on a RUSTED METAL BED. All is quiet, until... A LOUD COMMOTION <HURRIED FOOTSTEPS, CLINKING ARMOR and shouting VOICES> swells outside the house:

RAM MAN wakes up. He reaches for his boots beside his bed, which are CAKED IN MUD. Ram Man looks at them, puzzled.

INT. MAN-AT-ARMS' WORKSHOP - MOMENTS LATER

Debris everywhere. MEKANEK scours the upper rafters, craning his neck, while MAA, MAN-E-FACES & ADAM use "X-RAY WANDS" to search for clues. PAN TO TEELA - who tends to BUZZ OFF, who has a CLOTH on his head. RAM MAN enters and TAKES in shock:

RAM MAN

Wha...What happened?

MAN-AT-ARMS

(grim) Break-in. Last night. They knocked out Buzz Off and made off with the Immobilizer.

RAM MAN

(to BO, suspicious) So who were they?

BUZZ OFF

Don't know, but the one who attacked me was big.

MEKANEK/MAN-E-ROBOT

(to each other) Whiplash. /Claw-ful.

MAN-AT-ARMS

<shakes head> Skeletor's forces are crafty but whoever did this knew how to de-activate the alarms and knew about the Immobilizer. And the only people with *that* knowledge...are in this room.

QUICK CLOSE UPS AROUND THE ROOM - as everyone glances at each other suspiciously. Ram Man is unable to hold back his rage:

RAM MAN

There's a traitor in the ranks!

MAN-AT-ARMS

Now let's not jump to any--

RAM MAN interrupts as he stalks toward BUZZ OFF, eyeing him.

RAM MAN

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--Wouldn't take a loyalty oath, doesn't follow orders, has a bad attitude... <points accusingly at BO> How do we know he didn't just knock himself out to cover his tracks?

BUZZ OFF'S eyes fill with fury. He snaps.

BUZZ OFF

I've had enough of this!

WIDE - BUZZ OFF LUNGES TOWARD RAM MAN, the two engaging in a furious wrestling brawl. As MAA & the other MASTERS try to pry them apart...ADAM reacts with concern and races out the door.

ON MAA - as he suddenly gets thrown back by an inadvertent spin of RM's head...hits his bench as weapons get knocked off shelves - SPARKING and FIZZING. TEELA rushes to his side.

ON RAM MAN & BUZZ - They SLAM one another across the room like angered gods, so blinded by fury that no one can get close enough to break it up. Suddenly HE-MAN somersaults into shot, lands between the two fighters and lifts them off their feet.

HE-MAN

Save your anger for someone more "deserving", like Skeletor.

As He-Man gradually lowers them to the ground, RM glares at Buzz, but cools off a bit, nodding reluctantly. Buzz, though, just turns and stalks out. Ram Man rushes over to MAA, who's being helped to his feet by TEELA.

RAM MAN

Sorry. But the idea of a traitor just gets me steamed.

MAN-AT-ARMS

<nods> I understand that Ram Man, and that's an honorable feeling but--

HE-MAN interrupts, as he heads for the exit.

HE MAN

--But still no excuse for *making (ALT: *leveling) unproven accusations against one of your fellow Masters.



MAA nods in agreement. Then PAN TO RAM MAN, who nods, feeling bad now. Starts to reach for some debris-

RAM MAN

(feels bad) Sorry. I'll clean the place up good as-

-his eyes glaze over. <We now HEAR the SIREN SONG under> RM abruptly turns & heads for the exit as MAA & Teela watch him go.

TEELA

May-be I should keep an eye on him. I'll get Adam to help. (heading out, pauses) Adam? Help? What am I thinking?

HE-MAN arches a wry eyebrow as Teela passes him on the way out. ADJUST TO MAA - who tucks in a smile.

INT. RAM MAN'S QUARTERS - SOON AFTER

CLOSE ON IMMOBILIZER, now stuffed in a duffel-like bag. A HUGE HAND reaches in and cinches the bag shut. WIDEN to reveal the hypnotized RAM MAN, the SIREN SONG playing in his head. He opens the door, pokes his head out, glances around, checks to see that the coast is clear, then exits...

EXT. EVERGREEN FOREST - SOON

RAM MAN moves with an urgent pace, eyes fixed straight ahead, until-- he hears a TWIG SNAP. He spins around - but no one's there. Ram Man turns and continues O.S., and as he does... ADAM & TEELA EMERGE from behind a boulder and stealthily follow him.

EXT. ETERNIA LAGOON - SOON

ANGLE ON LARGE PLANT - The leaves part to reveal TEELA & ADAM as they arrive at the lagoon's shore, peering through the fog.

THEIR POV - ON THE LAGOON - The fog dissipates a bit, revealing RAM MAN and the SIREN standing on a rocky "island" (or, reef).

CLOSER - RAM MAN gives the Immobilizer to the SIREN. The Siren's eyes light up, pleased, and then she morphs into EVIL-LYN.

TEELA & ADAM, watching the scene, REACT with alarm. Adam can't contain himself.

ADAM (shouts) No! (muffled) mmffffllgg--

TEELA has grabbed ADAM's mouth to stifle him. But too late, as... EVIL-LYN & RM suddenly turn, spotting Teela & Adam on shore. Evil-Lyn aims her staff at them threateningly.

TEELA scowls at Adam as the two begin to back away...until they bump into BEASTMAN, TRAPJAW & CLAWFUL behind them.

BEASTMAN & CLAWFUL lurch toward them but ADAM & TEELA sidestep & KNOCK the two aside with their sword & staff. A chance to escape, but Adam gets into position, ready for more fighting. Teela frowns, incredulous:

TEELA yanks ADAM away and the two charge into the forest, dodging a BARRAGE OF TRAPJAW LASER BLASTS before they disappear.

INT. MAN-AT-ARMS WORKSHOP - SOON AFTER

WIDE - MAN-AT-ARMS, KING RANDOR, & the MASTERS are all gathered around as ADAM & TEELA finish telling them what they've seen:

ADAM

...and then she took the Immobilizer from Ram Man and--

RAM MAN (O.S.)

I hear my name?

PIVOT TO REVEAL RAM MAN in the doorway. He looks at the Masters innocently (NOTE: Siren's song no longer playing). Nobody moves or responds. TENSE BEAT. Then a scowling BUZZ OFF approaches RM.

BUZZ OFF

It's always the one who points the finger, isn't it, Ram Man? You traitor!

BUZZ OFF lunges at RAM MAN but MAN-AT-ARMS blocks his way.

MAN-AT-ARMS

Wait. (to Ram Man) You were seen at lagoon, where you gave the Immobil--

RAM MAN

(interrupts) -Whoa, WHOA! *Lagoon*? I was <u>here</u>, helping you clean up and-- (puzzled, growing



uncertainty) No, wait - I remember *startin'* to help you --but then-- I...don't *know*...

RAM MAN sinks down into a chair, confused, troubled, distraught. He glances at his muddy boots -- no memory of how they go that way -- and looks even more troubled.

FAVOR RANDOR - he makes a decision:

KING RANDOR

A hearing is in order. (to Ram Man) On your feet, Ram Man. Follow us to the palace court.

RAM MAN rigidly stands, and as he does, his eyes fall into a daze. The SIREN SONG begins to play in his head. <NOTE: Thruout, we need to make it clear that ONLY RAM MAN is hearing the Siren song.> MAA furrows his brow, noting the abrupt change in RM's demeanor. As RANDOR escorts the zombie-like RM out the door, joinded by ROYAL GUARDS ...MAA lingers behind, crosses to his workbench & grabs a tiny, METALLIC GIZMO off a shelf. He pockets the device and heads out.

INT. SKELETOR'S LAIR, THRONE ROOM - SAME TIME

OTS EVIL WARRIORS - as they watch the Doomseeker Screen and see RAM MAN being led into the Palace by 2 PALACE GUARDS. MAA walks ahead of the group & opens the PALACE DOORS. RM heads inside, and the palace doors close behind them.

INT. RAM MAN'S QUARTERS - CONT.

RAM MAN enters & grabs a bag and begins packing his personal belongings (weapons, helmets, etc.) when suddenly-- we hear:

BUZZ OFF (O.S.)

Where do you think you're going?!

PAN TO REVEAL: BUZZ OFF and MAN-E-FACES standing in the doorway, flanked by a PALACE GUARDS who rush in and grab him. MAN-E steps up to RAM MAN and unfurls a scroll, reading:

MAN-E-HUMAN, MONSTER, ROBOT

By official order, the King hereby declares you a traitor (monster), guilty o' treason. (robot) You-shall- belocked-in-a-jail-cell-and-await-punishment.



EXT. RAM MAN'S QUARTERS

DOOMSEEKER HOVERS above - As RAM MAN is led out of his quarters by Buzz Off and the Palace Guards, BUZZ OFF smirks at RAM MAN...

INT. SNAKE MOUNTAIN - CONT.

PULL BACK TO SEE - OTS SKEL watching this on DOOMSEEKER SCREEN.

BUZZ OFF

(to Ram Man, relishing this) You do know what the punishment for treason is, don't ya?

ON SCREEN - BUZZ OFF makes a slashing gesture across his neck. SKEL, watching this, rocks back with delight.

SKELETOR

(giddy) Ah. My faith in Eternian justice is rekindled!

And as the GUARDS escort a shocked RAM MAN off screen, we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. PALACE - LATE THAT NIGHT

A PEARLY MOON up in the black sky.

INT. PALACE CELL- CONT

RAM MAN is asleep on a bunk. The SIREN SONG echoes in the air, RISING INTO A CRESCENDO until:

SIREN (FILTERED V.O.)

(sweet) Oh, Ram Man...Time to wake up... (stern) NOW!

TIGHT ON RM - His eyes SNAP OPEN, in full daze. CAMERA WIDENS as he rigidly stands & surveys the cell - then focusses on the BACK WALL with the BARRED WINDOW. He steps back and coolly CRACKS his NECK. Then he lowers his head and charges the wall.

EXT. PALACE GROUNDS - PERIMETER - SAME

MAA, MEKANEK, ADAM & CRINGER are standing "watch" outside the palace when they hear the O.S. CRASH! They all REACT. Suddenly, RM rounds a corner and goes lumbering off towards the forest.

MAN-AT-ARMS

After him!

As RAM MAN charges into the FOREST (OR WOODS) the MASTERS jump into the nearby Bashin' Beetle and take off in pursuit.

EXT. EVERGREEN FOREST - SOON

OTS MASTERS - TRACKING - as they pursue RAM MAN in the BASHIN' BEETLE. He weaves his way thru thick trees, now you see him, now you don't... until he disappears in a certain direction. TRACK THE MASTERS - pursuing -- till they suddenly stop. REVEAL - they're at the edge of a MOONLIT CLEARING. (some boulder clusters surround it, as do some trees) RM'S nowhere to be seen.

CAMERA CRANES with MEK's HEAD as his neck rises & pivots to check in 360 panorama, but at about 320 degrees, he comes face to face with: The SKELETAL RAMS FROM THE BATTLE CHARIOT! (standing atop a large plateau) MEk's neck shoots down.

LOWER ANGLE - Skeletor CACKLES, as all look up to see him. ADAM reaches for his sword, charging at Skel's chariot, as SKEL lifts his HAVOC STAFF...and ZAPS ADAM --sending him flying OS (CAMERA TRACKS) OVER A BOULDER CLUSTER...where he lands OS with THUD.

ADAM (PARTIAL OS)
<zapped GRUNT....flying Whooaaa...heavy impact
GRUNT>

AS CRINGER races OS towards the boulder cluster, SKELETOR - lowers his staff with a smirk.

SKELETOR

Good riddance to bad royalty.

"Seemingly" BEFORE THE MASTERS can make a move - the rest of the EVIL WARRIORS (<u>sans Evil-Lyn</u>) race out from a treed area behind where Skeletor sits. TRIKLOPS tosses the IMMOBILIZER. <ANIME B.G. PANS.>

SKEL - CATCHES the Immobilizer & FIRES IT at the Masters. A GUST OF WHEEZING AIR shoots out, but <u>no blue electrons</u>...and yet the MASTERS INSTANTLY "FREEZE" IN PLACE, seemingly immobilized.

SKELETOR

<chuckles> A perfect ambush.

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BUZZ OFF (PARTIAL O.S.)

(calls) You got that part right... But it's *you* that's being ambushed.

During the above, PAN TO TEELA & MAN-E-MONSTER & BUZZ OFF - all lurking in the TREES ABOVE. TEELA & MAN E balletically jump down (BUZZ OFF flies) somersaulting like cats, landing behind SKELETOR & CREW. A surprised SKEL whips around to face them, but hardly seems fazed. He aims the Immobilizer.

SKELETOR

(smirks) The more the merrier.

WIDE - SKELETOR FIRES the weapon, which lets out the same WHEEZY HUFF...but has no effect on the 2nd group of Masters. They balletically close in on Skel, who SLAMS his fist against the device.

SKELETOR

It's not working! <hands it to Triklops, angrily> Make it work!

As TRIKLOPS hastily & obediently grabs the weapon we WHOOSH PAN TO MAA and the 1ST GROUP OF MASTERS...as they suddenly step out of their "frozen" state. They were just playing possum!

MAN-AT-ARMS

Requires an activation code, which you don't have.

As TRIKLOPS fumes, STRATOS suddenly swoops in WHOOSH! & whisks the Immobilizer away from TRI-KLOPS, then alley-oops it to hovering BUZZ OFF, who drops it into the waiting hands of MAN-AT-ARMS. Just as Skel orders...

SKELETOR

ATTACK!!!

WIDE - The EVIL WARRIORS ratchet up their weapons and shout out a <BATTLE CRY> as they charge Matrix-style toward the MASTERS.

MAA punches in a code on the Immobilizer, and just as the WARRIORS draw near - he FIRES! A CLOUD OF BLUE ELECTRONS course over SKELETOR & the WARRIORS, HALTING THEM IN THEIR TRACKS, some in airborne, mid-Matrix leap (though not TOO derivative).

CLOSE ON SKELETOR - eyes fierce, but immobilized, as they shift down to see MAA as he enters shot, addressing Skel.

MAN-AT-ARMS (PARTIAL OS)

Your plan backfired, Skeletor. While Ram Man was in the palace I neuro-scanned him. Upon discovering the Siren's Spell he was under...I gave him one of these, to block it.

MAA pulls out a METALLIC MICROCHIP from inside his ear, showing SKEL. TEELA, who enters shot, does the same.

TEELA

(sarcastic) Everybody's wearing them this year. Except for you and yours.

ON SKELETOR - His eyes pulse with rage, twitching to break free, as MAN-E-FACES & MEKANEK nonchalantly pace in front of him.

MAN-E-HUMAN/MAN E ROBOT

And let's not forget my superb performance (pivots to robot) that led-you-to-believe-we-would-actually-lock-up-Ram-Man-for-treason.

SKEL fumes, but then his eyes WIDEN TO SEE...a FOG roll in from behind the MASTERS. MAA spins & comes face to face with--

THE HOVERING SIREN - who suddenly morphs into EVIL-LYN...who BLASTS MAA BACKWARDS with an ELECTRIFYING MAGIC JOLT. TEELA rushes to grab the Immobilizer, but E-L magically levitates it & WHOOSHES it to her clutches, immediately aiming it at MASTERS.

EVIL-LYN

A pity that my Siren song won't work on you, but now that *this* little beauty has been activated...

WIDE - Evil-Lyn FIRES the Immobilizer, "strafing" the Masters with BURSTS OF BLUE ELECTRONS. The MASTERS GRIND TO A HALT. Now <u>everyone's immobilized</u> - except for Evil-Lyn. She floats down to the ground, LAUGHING, as we CUT TO:

BEHIND THE BOULDER CLUSTER - AS CRINGER licks his ear, ADAM comes back to consciousness, hearing Evil-Lyn's OS WICKED LAUGH. <NOTE: As CRINGER licks Adam's ear to wake him, the MICROCHIP GIZMO in Adam's ear <u>falls out</u>. This will be UNNOTICED by Adam.>

CUT TO: EVIL-LYN - eyeing the IMMOBILIZED MASTERS & WARRIORS.

EVIL-LYN

Perhaps...I should steal the power of Grayskull for myself and use it to conquer all...even you, Skeletor.

ZOOM ON SKEL - eyes blazing furiously. ADJUST TO EVIL-LYN - cackling as she levitates and leaves with the Immobilizer. CAMERA FOLLOWS her as floats several yards away, until...

BATTLECAT ROARS & leaps from a boulder, knocking a shocked EVIL-LYN to ground level. EVIL-LYN scowls & FIRES her staff at him, but HE-MAN's SHIELD suddenly SPINS in, expertly intercepting the BLAST. E-L spins as HE-MAN DIVES OUT, sword drawn & begins deftly spinning and parrying EVIL-LYN (HIS SWORD VS. HER STAFF) backing her up... until she trips over a small boulder & falls to the ground.

DOWN ANGLE ON EVIL-LYN - HE-MAN looms over her, but then she suddenly morphs into the wispy SIREN, singing her HYPNOTIC SONG.

HE-MAN'S body goes rigid, EYES go semi-glazed then back to normal...as he tries to resist her hold. <HE-MAN IS AFFECTED, BUT *BEING* HE-MAN, HE'S ABLE TO SOMEWHAT FIGHT THE MIND CONTROL>

HE-MAN

No...<dramatic struggling, GRUNTS and resistance>

SIREN/E-L levitates. THE SONG continues under as she apeaks. WIDEN - as she hurls a MAGICAL FIREBALL at the ground in front of He-Man, which swells into a DEEP, FIERY PIT.

SIREN

I am your master. (then) Go on, jump in. The fire's fine.

HE-MAN lurches toward the pit, but then stops, STRUGGLING MIGHTILY, like he's trying to break out of invisible shackles.

HE-MAN

<straining> Must...resist...

The SIREN SONG RISES TO A CRESCENDO as HE-MAN is magically, inch by inch, drawn toward the pit, flames reflected up on his face. Just as it looks like he may be unable to resist jumping in, RAM MAN comes charging in & HEAD-RAMS the SIREN, knocking her O.S., even as she DROPS the IMMOBILIZER and it SMASHES on a ROCK...

SIREN/EVIL-LYN (PARTIAL O.S)

<impact GRUNT, then OS impact GRUNT>

HE-MAN - as the SIREN SONG abruptly ENDS, he's now "free" & backs away from the fiery pit, looking relieved. RM glances over at EVIL-LYN, who lies sprawled & dazed in the b.g. He grins.

RAM MAN

She'll be singin' a different tune from now on.

HE-MAN - sees the busted IMMOBILIZER...gets a concerned look, then hurriedly heads over to the "FROZEN" MASTERS on the other side of the clearing.

ON THE MASTERS - starting to move a bit, getting free of their Immobilization. ADJUST TO MAN E MONSTER -

MAN E MONSTER

Somebody musta hit the "off switch." (pivots to robot face) Or-perhaps-the- immobilization-unit-has been destroyed.

THE EVIL WARRIORS too are starting to "unfreeze" as Trapjaw sees He-Man and calls out in alarm:

TRAPJAW

Lets beat it!

EVIL WARRIORS turn tail & run for the forest. MASTERS start to follow, as SKELETOR hastily boards his CHARIOT. PANTHOR joins him & they charge off a bit....then TRACK as SKEL SWOOPS OVER the dazed EVIL-LYN, pausing to extend a "helping hand" to her.

SKELETOR nods, as if to say "no problem," helping Evil-Lyn up onto the chariot. He grins cheerily, then punches the gas - causing Evil-Lyn to go SPRAWLING BACK as the chariot CHARGES O.S

DOWN ANGLE - as SKEL'S CHARIOT CHARGES OFF INTO THE FOREST, soon followed by his panicky EVIL WARRIORS high in the sky riding atop TERRORDACTYLS. The Evil Warriors SWOOP PAST CAMERA...

HE-MAN turns to RAM MAN and smiles. PUSH IN ON RAM MAN as he grins sheepishly...

EXT. ETERNIA PALACE COURTYARD - LATER

MATCHING - PULL OUT ON RAM MAN - still smiling. He talks enthusiastically as we PULL BACK & WIDEN to reveal all of the MASTERS gathered around him.

RAM MAN

...and I wanna thank all of ya for stickin' by me - even after you learned what I did. (sheepish) For all my yappin', you were the ones who were really loyal.

RM glances at BUZZ OFF. He approaches him, conciliatory-like.

RAM MAN (CONT'D)

And I'm sorry for not trustin' you, Buzz.

RM extends his hand. BUZZ OFF looks at it for a BEAT, and then, takes his hand and shakes, as he says:

BUZZ OFF

(gruff) Ah...

PAN MASTERS - happy, relieved. MAN-AT-ARMS nods and smiles approvingly at the sight of his unified team, as we CUT TO:

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. LAGOON - MORAL TAG

RAM MAN in his tiny boat. WIDEN TO BUZZ OFF beside him. They're fishing together, enjoying each other's compnay.

PULL BACK TO HE-MAN - watching them from the shore of the lagoon, then ADJUST TO only HE-MAN as he addresses CAMERA.

HE-MAN

Ram Man and Buzz Off both learned a valuable lesson. Friends give each other the benefit of the doubt, don't make accusations or draw conclusions until all the facts are in. That's the true meaning of loyalty and trust. Until next time...



FADE OUT.

THE END

